



BY THE
Lords Justices
AND
COUNCIL,
A
PROCLAMATION

Winchester, Gallway.



WHEREAS the Lords Justices and Council of this Kingdom, by Proclamation bearing date the Twenty-fifth of June, in the first year of Our Lord One thousand six hundred and seven, prohibited the Exportation of all manner of Corn, Grain and Meal out of any part of this Kingdom, to any parts beyond the Seas, until Our further Order to the contrary: And Whereas We have since received information, that by several private and undue practices and contrivances of Merchants and others, divers Quantities of Corn, Grain and Meal have been exported contrary to the said Proclamation. And Whereas by reason of the late Unseasonable Weather, during the Harvest, the Price of Corn is much increased, so that multitudes of the poorer sort of the Inhabitants of this Kingdom may be in danger of perishing, unless the Prohibition of such Exportation be continued, and such secret Practices and Contrivances obviated and prevented. We therefore the Lords Justices and Council of this Kingdom taking the same into Our Consideration, have thought fit to Re-inforce Our said former Proclamation: And We do hereby Publish and Declare the Continuance of the Prohibition thereby made until Our further Order shall be made touching the same. And We do also hereby strictly Charge and Command all His Majesty's Surveyors, Collectors, and other Officers in the several Ports of this Kingdom, That they make strict Inquary and Search after all Corn, Grain, and Meal, which shall be Shipped, or put on Board any Ship or Vessel, in any Port or place in this Kingdom, And that they make



stop of all such as they shall have reason to Apprehend may be De-
signed to be Exported to any place beyond the Seas, until they
shall have Signified the same to Us, and shall receive Our further
Directions therein: And for all such Corn, Grain or Meal, as shall
be declared to be intended to be carryed by Sea, from one Port to
another Port within this Kingdom, that they take care that no
greater or other quantity of such Corn, Grain or Meal, be Shipped or put on
Board any Ship or Vessel, than what shall be duly Entered before the Ship-
ping, or carrying on Board of the same. And further, that they take suf-
ficient security from the Master or Owner of the Ship or Vessel wherein the
same is to be carryed, for the Delivery of the said quantity of Corn, Grain and
Meal, at such Port to which the same shall be declared to be intended to be
carryed, and the bringing such Certificate thereof as is usual in Case of Goods
Shipped from one Port to another, within this Kingdom. And We do
further strictly Charge and Command the said Surveyors, Collectors, and
other Officers, that they use their utmost Diligence and Circumspection there-
in, as also to Discover and Prevent all other Secret and Undue practices and
contrivances, for the Exporting any Corn, Grain or Meal, to any parts
beyond the Seas.

And We do further Publish and Declare, that all such as shall Use
any such Private and Undue practice or contrivance, for the Exportation of
such Corn, Grain or Meal, and shall so Export, or attempt to be
Exported to any parts beyond the Seas; as also all who knowingly
be Instrumental to, or Aiding or Assisting therein, shall be liable to
penalty for such their Offence, with the utmost severity of Law.

And all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and other Magi-
strates within the said Ports, are hereby Commanded and Required, to be
Aiding and Assisting to the said Officers of His Majesty's Customs, in all
and every of the said Ports of this Kingdom, in the Execution of this Our
Proclamation: And also to put the Laws now in force in this King-
dom, in strict and due Execution against all such persons as in violation
of the same, have any way been Instrumental in occasioning the Scarcity
of Corn in the several Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate, and Villages
in this Kingdom, by Fore-stalling, Regrattling, Ingrossing, or any other
Unlawful or Pernicious Practice, as they will Answer the contrary at
their Peril.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Dublin, the 8th Day of October, 1698.

Jo. Methuen, C. Narcissus Dublin, Meath, Drogheda, Mount-Alexander, Longford,
Blessington, Rich. Meath, St. Geo. Clogher, P. Savage, Ri. Pyne, Cha. Feilding,
Rob. Doyne, Tho. Brodrick.

God Save the King.